

January

1. **2022 RATES**

- For service dates beginning January 1, 2022, the Medicaid maximum payment rates are increasing for all services
- Only providers that bill the correct rate- will receive the updated rate
- Visit <https://dodd.ohio.gov/providers/billing/rate-increase> for all new rates
- You can also find rates on the eMBS site
- Add-ons do not receive a rate increase – they remain the same at this time
- If you have any questions - please feel free to contact Provider Development Team

2. **NEW TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

- NEW Training requires for all providers have gone into effect (Agency, Independent, Director of Operations)
- These can be found in the new rules - <https://dodd.ohio.gov/forms-and-rules/rules-in-effect/administrative-rules-list>
- Trainings can be found on your My Learning Page
- [Click here to view a screenshot of the new MyLearning homepage.](#)

3. **1099 FORMS**

- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 1099s are sent out by the [Office of Shared Services](#) (OSS), a division of the [Office of Budget and Management](#). The forms are required to be sent out by the end of January. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) does not send out or have access to IRS Form 1099. DO NOT CALL DODD for your 1099 FORMS
- If you do not receive your IRS Form 1099 or need to request a duplicate, please contact the Office of Shared Services directly.
- Please note that the [Office of Shared Services](#) must have your valid mailing address, and if a 1099 is returned to OSS for any reason, OSS will inactivate your account in OAKS. If your account is inactive, you will not receive payment. It is your responsibility to maintain a current mailing address with the Office of Shared Services, as well as the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.
- You can update your mailing address, or check to ensure OSS has your current address, by going to the [Supplier Portal system](#) available on the [OSS website](#).
- Independent providers who made over \$600 during the previous calendar year and are certified under your Social Security Number, should receive an IRS Form 1099-NEC (Nonemployee Compensation). Income will be reported in Box 1 of the form.

4. **Provider Yearly Invoice Summary Report for 2021 Posted in Weekly Reports**

- The Invoice Summary Report summarizes payments made to providers during calendar year 2021. The 2021 Invoice Summary Report is now available in eMBS under 'Provider Weekly Reports'.
- Please note that this report does not include any payments received for services processed through the Financial Management Services (Morning Sun). Providers who have questions about payments made through Morning Sun will need to contact them directly at 866-233-7024 or via email at info@morningsunfs.com.
- This report does not replace IRS Form 1099. If you do not receive your IRS Form 1099 or need to request a duplicate, please contact the Office of Shared Services directly. They can be reached

5. COVID 19---- Omicron Variant and updated CDC Guidelines

- [Omicron](#) is the latest variant of COVID-19. As of December 20, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states that the Omicron variant has been detected in most states and territories and is rapidly increasing the proportion of COVID-19 cases it is causing.
- Below is a Document from the Ohio Department of Health that is a good reference for guidance regarding what to do if you have COVID 19 regardless of symptoms or vaccination status – at this time it is the most updated information we have.

6. REGISTER NOW for Monthly Provider Training with DODD

- DODD's Office of System Support & Standards (OSSAS) will offer monthly virtual provider trainings from 10 AM – 11 AM on the last Thursday of the month. Each month will have an identified topic and short presentation.
 - January 27, 2022 – The Compliance Review Process
 - Target Audience – Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers
 - [Registration here](#).
 - February 24, 2022 – Background Checks & Training
 - Target Audience – All providers, including ICFs
 - [Registration here](#).
 - March 31, 2022 – Personal Funds.
 - Target Audience – All providers, including ICFs
 - [Registration here](#).
 - April 28, 2022 – Service Delivery Documentation
 - Target Audience – Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers
 - [Registration here](#).
 - If you have questions, please contact DODD at ossas@dodd.ohio.gov.
 - For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas

7. Provider Relief Payments

- The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is submitting the necessary documentation for federal CMS approval to make provider relief payments included in HB 169 and Ohio's updated ARPA HCBS plan. The administration is committed to disbursing payments as soon as each associated approval is received from the federal government.
- \$210 million for HCBS provider relief payment will reflect 10 percent of claims submitted and paid for services delivered from 11/1/2020 through 10/31/2021.
- Once the Appendix K approval is received, DODD will issue these one-time payments as quickly as possible. Both agency and independent providers who have billed for the following services are included in the HCBS provider relief payments:
 - Career Planning
 - Vocational Habilitation
 - Independent Employment Support
 - Group Employment Support
 - Adult Day Support
 - Non-Medical Transportation
 - Informal Respite
 - Community Respite
 - Transportation
 - Homemaker/Personal Care and On-Site/On-call HPC
 - Homemaker/Personal Care Services
 - Daily Billing Unit
 - Participant-Directed HPC

- Shared Living

- Residential Respite

8. FREE Medication Administration Certification

- Provided by Residential Community Concept Nurse, Connie Centers
- February 1-3, 2022
- -Tuesday and Wednesday – Class will be virtual from 9:00am-3:00pm
- -Thursday – class will be in person for testing from 10:00am-1:00pm
- *flyer was sent out on Constant Contact 1.13.2022
- -----RSVP is REQUIRED to Lindsay Graves - Lindsay.graves@warrencountydd.org or 513-806-3789-----

9. DOSE HEALTH

- [Dose Health](#) has reached out to Provider Development about any needs that providers might have regarding medication technology/devices to better support individuals/staffing. Please let us know if you have any questions.

10. Data Office Hours Available for Questions regarding Data Warehouse

- DODD offers “Data Office Hours” – a chance for county boards, COGs, and providers to ask questions about data warehouse, reports, and data in general. Here are the topics offered:
- General Data Warehouse Questions
- Major Unusual Incidents Data Questions
- Outcome Tracking System Application and Data Questions
- Restrictive Measure Notification Application and Data Questions
- Users can sign up for 30-minute appointments. This time can be used for new user training, report questions, report modifications, data questions, data clean-up, and more!
- Please use this [link](#) to sign up.

11. Ohio ISP Example Assessment Plans

- Ohio ISP coming soon – SSA will communicate when plans will start to roll out.
- Here is a link to [examples](#) of what the ISP’s will look like.

12. February Meetings/Trainings

- Longevity Add-on Training – 2/3/22 and 2/17/22 9am-3pm
- CPR/First Aid Training – 2/8/22 9am-1pm **MUST RSVP**
- Monthly Provider Meeting 2/15/22 10am-11am

February

1. Medication Administration Certification Classes

- Monthly Medication Certification Training Schedule is out.
- Please remember to RSVP to Lindsay Graves as spots are limited
- We are offering Initial and Renewals for all Medication Certifications.
- Schedule attached

2. Grandecare System

- GrandCare is a complete communication, cognition and monitoring technology - designed to keep individuals safe, healthy, happy and independent at home.
- Click [here](#) for a GrandCare Presentation
- GrandCare would be happy to do a product demonstration for any of them if they would like. There's a lot of GrandCare in Ohio, helping a lot of people. I'd like to see more of them in Warren County.

3. Monthly Provider Newsletter

- We are so excited that our monthly newsletters are back 😊 Our first one was sent out Feb. 1 through Constant Contact. Make sure to watch out for them each month!

4. HEALTH & WELFARE ALERT – [WINTER WEATHER SAFETY](#)

5. HEALTH UPDATES FROM DODD

- Mental Wellness Updates -[Seasonal Affective Disorder](#)
- Medical Moment Updates- [Omicron Variant](#)
- Resources about [Vitamin D](#)

6. March Frontline Forum Registration Now Open

- The first Frontline Forum of 2022 is now open for registration. This forum will focus on the important relationship between family members and the direct support staff.
- [Register](#) and join us on Wednesday, March 9 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM.
- Join the Technology First Community of Practice Meetings
- Please join the Community Life Engagement team on the second Friday of every even month as part of a Technology First Community of Practice.
- This is an opportunity to ask questions and discuss supportive technology ideas and solutions with county board representatives, provider agencies, and technology vendors from across the state.
- The next meeting is scheduled for

7. Invitation to all Providers to join Ohio ISP

- As DODD is actively preparing for the release of OhioISP, we want to ensure that all providers are aware that the OhioISP is available to them, even when you are working with a county board that is using a third-party vendor.
- An awesome benefit for providers working with multiple counties is that they can find all of the assessments and ISPs for the people they support in OhioISP with one simple login. Another great benefit to you, there is no cost to use the OhioISP!
- As we prepare to go live, there will be more information to come, including training videos and materials. If you have any questions about using the OhioISP, feel free to reach out to OhioISP@dodd.ohio.gov.

8. New Resources Available for Families about Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

- Additional resources have been developed for people with developmental disabilities and families to better understand major unusual incidents (MUIs) and what happens when one is reported.

- These resources are located in the Health and Welfare Toolkit and include the [Family Guide to Understanding MUIs](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions for Families about MUIs](#).
- Investigative agents are encouraged to share these resources with families at the beginning of MUI investigations.

9. Outcome Tracking System Reporting Period

- The Outcome Tracking System (OTS) deadline has been extended to June 30, 2022. If you are new to OTS or you would like a refresher training, please join us for an upcoming virtual training. No registration is required, just click the training you would like to join below.
- For ongoing support, please feel free to join or sign up for any of the following virtual meetings:
- Monthly virtual Q&A Sessions are held on the last Wednesday of every month from 3 PM-4 PM. Registration is not required, and the meeting link is the same each month.
- [Click here](#) to join or you can call in at 614-721-2972 with conference ID 945 757 082#.
- OTS Office Hours to address your needs in a 1:1 virtual meeting. To schedule a meeting, please [sign-up here](#).

10. Resources and Tools:

- DODD has developed some [resources and tools](#) to assist users throughout the reporting period: user guide, screencasts, recorded webinar, security access guide, and OTS definitions.
- You may also contact your [Regional Community Life Engagement Project Manager](#) for any questions you may have.

11. Monthly Provider Training with DODD

- DODD's Office of System Support & Standards (OSSAS) will offer monthly virtual provider trainings from 10 AM – 11 AM on the last Thursday of the month. Each month will have an identified topic and short presentation.
- ~February 24, 2022 – Background Checks & Training
 - Target Audience – All providers, including ICFs
- [Registration here](#).

12. Open House/Provider Fair Tentative Save the Date

- March 15, 2022
- Open House 6:00-7:00
- Provider Fair 7:00-8:00 (will be asking providers to get there around 5:30 to set up)
- Be watching for information about Provider Fair Registration!

13. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Longevity Add-on Training – 2/17 9:00am-3:00pm
- Nursing Support Group- 2/17 1:00pm-3:00pm
- Annual Training 3/1- 8:30am-4:00pm
- Longevity Add on- Training- 3/3 9:00am-3:00pm
- CPR/First Aid Training – 3/8/22 9:00am-12:00pm **MUST RSVP**
- Billing and Documentation Training-3/10 9:00am-12:00pm
- Monthly Provider Meeting 2/15/22 10:00am-11:00am
- Monthly Provider Meeting 3/15/22 10:00am

March

1. **PIGABILITIES presentation**

- **PigAbilities** is a movement for inclusion that supports our families and friends who live with disabilities. Our one-mile event is designed for participants (and supporters of participants) to run, walk or roll at their own pace so they can cross the official Flying Pig Marathon Finish Swine, just like everyone else.
- PigAbilities is an event for heroes!
- <https://flyingpigmarathon.com/events/pigabilities/>

2. **Medication Administration Certification Classes Updates**

- Warren County Board of DD is partnering with RCC to help aid with Med Training
- Classes are scheduled according to attendance and need.
- To help streamline the process- there will be a form to complete with all necessary information needed to register. You will receive this once you reach out to Lindsay.
- To be eligible for this – providers must be supporting individuals in warren county.
- Please check emails to ensure all paperwork is completed prior to the class.

3. **Monthly Provider Certification Class Updates**

- WCBDD will continue to provide monthly in person classes as scheduled.
- Classes will no longer be offered through Zoom monthly- they WILL be offered 2x/year.
- Remember you can always take courses through My Learning on DODD site.

4. **DODD New Annual Training Requirements Allow for Flexibility**

- DODD has developed [guidance](#) on the annual training requirements in non-licensed settings and an [optional form](#) to assist providers in documenting training.
- This can be helpful for documenting training that does not provide a certificate or other proof of completion. The form also meets the requirements for training documentation included in 5123-2-08 (F)(2).
- Training does not need to have CPDs/CEUs to count toward the annual training requirements.
- Providers should plan ahead to ensure annual training requirements are met by 12/31/22 and annually thereafter.
- For questions about annual training or compliance, reach out to OSSAS at OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov

5. **Templates for Training Plans – Agencies only**

- Changes to [OAC 5123-2-08](#) require agency providers to develop written training plans for the director of operations, supervisors of direct support professionals, direct support professionals, and some volunteers. These changes were designed to allow providers more flexibility to seek out training that will help them better provider person-centered services.
- DODD has created optional templates that can be used for developing and documenting these training plans that can be found [here](#).
- Agency providers should plan ahead and ensure that training plans are developed, and training completed by December 31, 2022 and annually thereafter.
- For questions about annual training or compliance, reach out to OSSAS at OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov.

6. Shared Living Guidance & Appendix K

- DODD is providing guidance in response to questions that have been asked shared living services.
- Many of the incoming questions and concerns are surrounding the temporary flexibilities offered to this service through Appendix K due to the Public Health Emergency
- As stated in Section (D) (1) of the rule: "Shared living shall be authorized for an individual when one or more adult caregivers who reside with the individual provide twenty percent or more of the individual's personal care and support services." All caregivers residing in the home are included in the twenty percent calculation. Therefore, the relief Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) provider, allowed by Appendix K, should be a provider that does not reside in the home.
- Appendix K allows for HPC to be authorized on the same day as Shared Living. This temporary flexibility is intended to provide relief to the Shared Living provider. The care given by the HPC provider should not be at the same time as the Shared Living provider (i.e. no 2:1 staffing).
- If there are any questions regarding this guidance, please contact the Medicaid Development and Administration Technical Assistance Team at waiverpolicyta@dodd.ohio.gov.

7. TECHNOLOGY UPDATES

- Shift project update
- DODD is proud of the statewide efforts to help people learn more about how to use technology to improve their quality of life and how they can experience more independence and personal freedom. In the first three months of the Tech First Shift Education project, over 50 providers, county boards, and ICF/IDD leadership staff have enrolled in the Enabling Technology Leadership certification program. Due to the high interest in this specialized certification program, DODD has adjusted the program availability to allow for additional leadership slots to be funded.
- Registration is currently available free of charge for a limit number of learners for each of shift's four programs on a first-come basis through June 30, 2022
- Enabling Tech Credential for professionals seeking the fundamentals in enabling technology awareness and integration (direct support professionals, job coaches, SSAs, QIDPs mid-level staff)
- Enabling Technology Integration Specialist (ETIS) for a specialist on staff with provider organizations, typically supervisors or managers
- Enabling Technology Navigator (ETN) for service coordinator and specialist staff at county boards of developmental disabilities and ICFs
- Enabling Technology Leadership Certification for leadership or administrative personnel facilitating the culture shift to Technology First programming
- For more information and registration visit <https://techfirstshift.com/ohio> or contact the community life engagement team at technologyfirst@dodd.ohio.gov

8. Tech First Rule Changes

- To ensure Ohioans with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to access the technology they may need, DODD intends to adopt a new rule 5123-2-01 (Technology First) to implement the Technology First Policy in accordance with Section 5123.025 of the Revised Code.
- The Notice of Public Hearing and the rule is posted on the [DODD website](#).

9. Innovation Series starting in April

- The Innovation Tuesday series starts April 5, 2022, with a virtual launch, and continues the next five weeks with live, in-person regional innovation labs featuring stories and examples of how relationships drive innovation locally. The series ends May 17, 2022, with a virtual celebration of some of the best stories and relationships that have allowed innovation to happen across the state, with roundtables and reflections by providers, families, and people being supported.
- In person event will take place at WCYC on May 3, 2022- Watch for more details.

10. Choking Prevention Toolkit

- While choking can happen to anyone, anywhere, of any age, we know that people with intellectual or developmental disabilities are at greater risk. We also know choking is often preventable. To learn more about choking prevention, [view this](#) simple toolkit which includes:
- Signs of choking
- What to do if someone is choking
- Causes and contributing factors of choking
- Prevention tips
- Health and Welfare Alert: Preventing Choking

11. Monthly Provider Training with DODD

- DODD's Office of System Support & Standards (OSSAS) will offer monthly virtual provider trainings from 10 AM – 11 AM on the last Thursday of the month. Each month will have an identified topic and short presentation.

- March 31, 2022 – [Personal Funds](#) ; Target Audience – All providers, including ICFs
- April 28, 2022 – [Service Delivery Documentation](#); Target Audience – Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers

12. Open House- Provider Fair

- March 15th
- Open House: 1:00pm-2:00pm and 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Provider Fair 7:00pm-8:00pm
- Presentations, Raffle baskets, Choir Performance!

13. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Longevity Add-on Training – 3/17 9:00am-3:00pm
- Annual Training 4/5- 8:30am-4:00pm
- Longevity Add on- Training- 3/31 9:00am-3:00pm
- CPR/First Aid Training – 4/12/22 9:00am-12:00pm **MUST RSVP**
- Monthly Provider Meeting 4/19/22 10:00am-11:00am
- Medication Administration 101 and the QA Process- 4/21/2022 9:00am-12:00pm

April

1. DODD Monthly Provider Training/OSASS Training

- April 28, 2022 – [Service Delivery Documentation](#); Target Audience – independent providers, agency providers, licensed waiver providers
 - This training does not meet any of the annual training requirements.
- May 26, 2022- [OhioISP](#); Target Audience- Target Audience - All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the category, Components of Quality Care.
- June 30, 2022- [Maintaining Compliance](#); Target Audience - All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers.
 - This training meets the requirement for annual DOO training under Management of the Agency Provider.
- If you have questions, please contact ossas@dodd.ohio.gov.
- For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas.

2. Competency-Based Add-On Trainings Approval Open

- The competency-based add-on has been altered to enable more training to be available to DSPs
- The department has made more than 170 hours of applicable online training available through DirectCourse. DODD has developed a process to enable DSPs to take more training that can be counted toward the competency-based add-on. To learn about how to apply for a training to be approved for the competency-based add-on, [visit here](#).

3. Health and Welfare Alert : [Stay Safe in Fall Prevention #20-3-22](#)

4. DODD Launches New Webpages: Trauma Informed Care, MSY, and MI/ID

- DODD announced three new web pages on the website for Trauma-Informed Care, Supporting Multi-System Youth, and Supporting Individuals with MI/ID.
- The [Trauma Informed Care](#) webpage includes information, training, and resources that will be helpful for those who are supporting people with developmental disabilities with a trauma history.
- The [Supporting MSY](#) webpage has information about DODD's vision for supporting MSY and their families, along with information about current initiatives that are underway to support this population.
- The [Supporting Individuals with MI/ID](#) webpage provides an overview of the MI/ID Coordinating Center of Excellence and information about how to access Ohio's Telepsychiatry Project as well as Second Opinion Psychiatric Assessment

5. Ninth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit: May 17-18

- OhioMHAS and DODD will host the [Ninth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit](#), “Building Upon Trauma-Informed Care and Resilience: A Narrative for Healing and Hope” virtually on May 17-18.
- For more information, [view the agenda](#), [view speaker information](#), or [register here](#). Registration is open and free.

6. 2022 Innovation Series Reminder- April 5,2022-May 17, 2022

- Overview [Video](#)
- Find information about the series here: https://ohioemploymentfirst.org/view.php?nav_id=554
- In person meeting held at the Warren County Board of DD offices located at 801 Drake Rd in Lebanon 05/03/22 from 10 – 12.

- The event is free but they do ask that you register if you plan to attend.

7. Certification Updates

- DODD is getting caught up with but there has been a big influx of applications in the past couple weeks.
- When it comes to renewals, DODD may tell providers that their certification will not have a gap in the if they submitted their re-certification prior to expiration – this does not mean there won't be a gap in ability to bill
- Providers must submit their renewal of certification at least 45 days prior to expiration in order for DODD to guarantee they will back date a provider's re-certification date – and this is assuming ALL required documentation was turned in prior to expiration.
- There may still be a gap in when a provider can bill as DODD may take longer than 45 days to review renewal request. At this time, they are indicating they will back date so the provider can back bill.
- DODD has stated they will extend the current span if a provider applies for renewal 45 days prior to expiration if there is a problem and DODD is not able to review the renewal for some reason. All other requests for extension are looked at on a case-by-case basis.
- Remember – Applications for recertification can be started 90 Days in Advance! We recommend that is when you submit your applications!!
 - We do not have a date at this time when the PSM Application will close in order for PNM to get up and running. We will keep you posted as soon as we have any further information.

8. MRC Changes Effective April 5, 2022

- Below are several resource documents, including instructions on how to initiate the recalculation and tip sheets that might be helpful with this effort. If you have questions, please direct them to MSSSupport@dodd.ohio.gov.
- **Links below for MRC documentation:**
 - [MRC Tutorial](#)
 - [MRC best practices and guidelines](#)
 - [Procedures for Over-Under range](#)
 - [MRC Tip Sheet](#)

9. Lunch and Learn Trainings with Warren County

- We are excited to start providing monthly trainings! Grab your lunch and learn something new!
- We will offer some in person and zoom options based on the topic and time frame.
- Upcoming Trainings Coming Your Way!
- Trauma Informed Care Session 1- May 19, 2022 – 1:00pm-3:00pm via Zoom
- Stress Management – May 24, 2022 12:00-1:00 via Zoom

10. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Zoom
 - Longevity Add-on Training – 4/28 9:00-am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training – 5/12 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Monthly Provider Meeting – 5/17 10:00am-11:00am
 - Trauma Informed Care Session 1 presented by WCBDD Behavior Support Specialists – May 19, 2022 1:00pm-3:00pm

- Stress Management presented by The Talbert House – May 24, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:00pm
- In Person
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 5/5 8:30am-4:00pm
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 5/10 9:00am-12:00pm ****MUST RSVP****
 - Medication Administration 101 and the QA Process – 4/21 9:00am-12:00pm

May

1. Updates on BLACK OUT Dates for Provider Services Management System

- DODD's Provider Services Management (PSM) system is now accepting Agency Initial Applications. A recent announcement made by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) related to the implementation of the Provider Network Management (PNM) module, the planned single point of entry for Medicaid provider certification and credentialing, has allowed DODD to resume agency application processing.
- Additionally, applications for Changes of Operators (CHOPs) are being accepted. PSM is fully operational at this time with all application types accepted and all activities that occur in PSM available.
- DODD will issue further communication if the PNM work requires DODD to pause provider application processing again in the future. Please see this [link](#) for the PNM announcement from ODM.

2. Implementation Planned for Revised Behavioral Support Strategies Rule

- DODD, with the help of many stakeholders, has completed work on the revised behavioral support strategies rule Revised 5123-2-06 Rule. Although many of the principles in the rule are retained, there are some significant changes.
- There will be sufficient time for county boards and intermediate care facilities to become familiar with what has changed and to begin planning for its implementation. Therefore, the effective date of the rule is projected to be October 1, 2022. Check out the implementation plan that DODD has developed
- DODD and stakeholders are planning a number of training sessions which will begin in June, 2022. Further information will be published in May about the topics and dates of the proposed training.

3. DODD Monthly Provider Training/OSASS Training: [Training Series Web Page](#)

- May 26, 2022- [OhioISP](#): Target Audience- Target Audience - All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the category, Components of Quality Care
- June 30, 2022- [Maintaining Compliance](#): Target Audience - All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirement for annual DOO training under Management of the Agency Provider
- July 28, 2022- [Medication Administration](#): Target Audience- All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the category, Components of Quality Care
 - If you have questions, please contact ossas@dodd.ohio.gov

- For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas

4. **Health and Welfare Alert : [Human Trafficking #71-4-22](#)**

5. **July 2022 Waiver Simplification - Training & Resources**

- Changes are coming to Waiver- July 2022
- These changes will increase self-direction, create more flexibility, and simplify the process for Ohioans with developmental disabilities, their families, and those who support them
- Visit the DODD website to watch an overview video about the changes taking place. Below the overview video, there are several reference documents that describe the changes happening in the Individual Options, SELF, and Level 1 Waivers. Additionally, there are documents to describe the new Self-Directed Transportation service as well as changes happening to Participant-Directed Goods and Services.
- Additional training videos will soon be added to the DODD website in the four main topic areas that have changes taking place on July 1, 2022: Level 1 Waiver, SELF Waiver, Self-Directed Transportation, and Participant Directed Goods & Services. DODD will notify the field when these videos are posted and will host live chats throughout the month of June and July to address questions regarding the changes.
- [Waiver Comparison webpage](#)
- DODD remains available and accessible during the transition to these waiver improvements. After reviewing the posted materials, please join us with questions at the upcoming live chats or email questions to waiverpolicyta@dodd.ohio.gov.

6. **TRAINING RESOURCE: [Ohio Train](#)**

- The Ohio Dept of Commerce training for Healthcare Workers
- These trainings are approved for ODH and has a competency test

7. **Individual Employment Supports - On Behalf Of**

- DODD has updated guidance regarding On Behalf of Individual Employment Supports. The [guidance](#) provides information on when IES OBO may be authorized and billed.

8. **June Frontline Forum Registration**

- June 1, 2022 from 10 AM - 11:30 AM
- The Frontline Forum is designed to provide updates and information directly to direct support professionals and frontline supervisors, as well as provide a space for connection and camaraderie through facilitated large and small group discussions.
- [Register Here](#)

9. **LIVE CHATS WITH DODD**

- Self-Directed Transportation Live Chat
- Thursday, Jun 9, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT
- Answering questions regarding the new service of Self-Directed Transportation set to go into effect on 7/1/22
- [Register Here](#)
- Level 1 Waiver Live Chat
- Thursday, June 16, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

- Answering questions regarding the upcoming changes to the Level 1 waiver set to go into effect on 7/1/22
- [Register Here](#)
- Participant Directed Goods and Services Live Chat
- Thursday, June 23, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
- Answering questions regarding PDGS and the upcoming changes to the rule set to go into effect on 7/1/22
- [Register Here](#)

10. Vision for DSP Grant RFP (Request for Proposal) Now Live

- DODD has developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to continue to implement DODD's vision for DSPs. The purpose of this RFP is to fund multiple projects and pilots designed to support the direct support workforce.
- [Click here for Grant Opportunities](#)
- Vision for DSPs Implementation: Reimagining Recruitment and Retention Contract RFP Now Live
- DODD has developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) to continue to implement DODD's vision for DSPs, specifically looking for an entity to develop pieces of training for providers that can help assist with reimagining recruitment and retention

11. Lunch and Learn Trainings with Warren County -Upcoming Trainings Coming Your Way!

- Trauma Informed Care Session 1- May 19, 2022 – 1:00pm-3:00pm via Zoom
- Stress Management – May 24, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom
- Benefits Training- June 27, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom

12. TECH DAY IN WARREN COUNTY

- Save the Date – June 29th, 2020 – 9am – 12pm
- Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be hosting Remote Support, Assistive Technology, and Provider Software Technology Companies for questions and to demonstrate some of their services
- This will be held at the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities Warren C. Young Center
- 801 Drake Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
- Contact Provider Development with any questions

13. New DODD Webpage "The Wellness Project" Now Live

- DODD supports staff wellness. They have created a multi-media, multi-experiential compilation of resources to support individual wellness which can be found [here](#).

14. CERTIFICATION RENEWAL DATES

- In preparation for Provider Network Management (PNM) go-live in the fall, all certifications with renewal dates on or after August 1, 2022, have been extended by 180 days

15. Website Accessibility

- AccessiBe
- We're excited to share that our website is accessible and inclusive!

- There are more than 1 billion people globally who are living with a disability that either hinders internet use or renders it impossible - they should not wait another single day to get access to the internet!
- How to use
 - Click the blue and white person icon on the bottom right
 - Pick the right accessibility profile for you
 - Seizure safe
 - Vision impaired
 - ADHS friendly
 - Cognitive disability
 - Keyboard navigation (motor)
 - Blind users (screen reader)
 - Content adjustments feature
 - Content scaling
 - Highlight titles
 - Highlight links
 - Readable font
 - Text magnifier
 - Font size
 - Align center, left, or right
 - Adjust letter spacing
 - Color adjustments
 - Orientation adjustments

16. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Zoom
 - Longevity Add-on Training – 5/20 9:00-am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training – 6/9 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training – 6/23 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Monthly Provider Meeting – 6/21 10:00am-11:00am
 - Trauma Informed Care Session 1 presented by WCBDD Behavior Support Specialists – May 19, 2022 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - Stress Management presented by The Talbert House – May 24, 2022 – 12:00pm-1:00pm
 - Benefits Training- 6/27 12:00pm-1:00pm
- In Person
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 6/7 8:30am-4:00pm
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 6/14 9:00am-12:00pm **MUST RSVP**

June

1. Shared Living Memo Monday Update

- Shared living providers cannot also act as natural support for the people to whom they provide shared living services. Shared living is a daily service and providers of this service must comply with the requirements in OAC 5123-9-33 and any other provisions applicable to the services they provide
- The personal funds rule, OAC 5123:2-7-07, therefore applies to shared living providers who are responsible for assisting people with personal funds. This rule applies regardless of whether the shared living provider is related to the person to whom they are providing shared

living. Individual service plans (ISPs) should not identify shared living providers as natural supports for the person to whom they provide shared living. Other people residing in the home who are not the person's certified shared living provider may provide natural supports

- Please note that the Ohio Revised Code specifically allows family delegation and for some related providers to administer medications without certification. Because this is authorized by law, it is not considered a natural support. More information about these allowances can be found [here](#)

2. Ohio Rise Training for the DODD System:

- DODD's Provider Services Management (PSM) system is now accepting Agency Initial Applications. A recent announcement made by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) related to the implementation of the Provider Network Management (PNM) module, the planned single point of entry for Medicaid provider certification and credentialing, has allowed DODD to resume agency application processing
- Additionally, applications for Changes of Operators (CHOPs) are being accepted. PSM is fully operational at this time with all application types accepted and all activities that occur in PSM available
- DODD will issue further communication if the PNM work requires DODD to pause provider application processing again in the future. Please see [this link](#) for the PNM announcement from ODM

3. Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation Resources

- Updated resources are available online for [Adult Day Support service](#) and [Vocational Habilitation service](#). In the past few months, there have been many discussions across the state concerning Vocation Habilitation and Adult Day Support services, and community integration
- To help inform and enhance these discussions, the Community Life Engagement team is hosting a statewide webinar on July 13, 2022 at 1 PM
- [Register here](#)

4. DODD Monthly Provider Training/OSASS Training:

- June 30, 2022- [Maintaining Compliance](#): Target Audience - All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirement for annual DOO training under Management of the Agency Provider
- July 28, 2022- Medication Administration: Target Audience- All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
 - This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the category, Components of Quality Care
 - If you have questions, please contact ossas@dodd.ohio.gov
 - For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas

5. Health and Welfare Alert: [Suicide Awareness and Prevention](#)

6. July 2022 Waiver Simplification - Training & Resources:

- Changes are coming to Waiver- July 2022
- These changes will increase self-direction, create more flexibility, and simplify the process for Ohioans with developmental disabilities, their families, and those who support them

- Visit the DODD website to watch an overview video about the changes taking place. Below the overview video, there are several reference documents that describe the changes happening in the Individual Options, SELF, and Level 1 Waivers. Additionally, there are documents to describe the new Self-Directed Transportation service as well as changes happening to Participant-Directed Goods and Services
- [Budget Authority and Employer Authority](#)
- [Support Brokerage](#),
- [Participant/Family Stability Assistance](#)
- [Functional Behavioral Assessment](#)
- [Clinical/Therapeutic Intervention](#)
- DODD remains available and accessible during the transition to these waiver improvements. After reviewing the posted materials, please join us with questions at the upcoming live chats or email questions to waiverpolicyta@dodd.ohio.gov

7. LIVE CHATS WITH DODD

- Participant Directed Goods and Services Live Chat
 - Thursday, June 23, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 - Answering questions regarding PDGS and the upcoming changes to the rule set to go into effect on 7/1/22
 - [Register Here](#)
- Revised Behavior Support
 - Thursday, June 23, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 - DODD staff will be available to answer questions regarding the Behavior Support Rule changes
 - [Register Here](#)
- Changes to the SELF WAIVER
 - Thursday, June 30, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 - Answering questions regarding PDGS and the upcoming changes to the rule set to go into effect on 7/1/22
 - [Register Here](#)
- Waiver Simplification General Chat
 - Thursday, July 7 and July 14, 2022 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
 - Answering questions regarding PDGS and the upcoming changes to the rule set to go into effect on 7/1/22
 - [Register Here July 7](#)
 - [Register Here July 14](#)

8. Technology First Training- June 23, 2022

- “Technology First: Project Management,” happening June 23, 2022, from 10 AM – 11 AM, is the third in a webinar series being facilitated by Gerald Bernard of the Charles Lea Center, to support providers and county board staff as they develop policies and procedures concerning Technology First. Attendees will learn about utilizing effective project management tools to implement a successful Technology First plan
- [Register Here](#)

9. Lunch and Learn Trainings with Warren County

- Benefits Training- June 27, 2022, 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom
- MUI- August 23, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom

10. TECH DAY IN WARREN COUNTY

- June 29th, 2020 – 9am – 12pm
- COME and learn about what technology can do to assist and supplement the great work Direct Supports Professionals provide! We will have vendor demonstrations and presentations available
- This will be held at the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities Warren C. Young Center
- 801 Drake Road, Lebanon, Ohio 45036
- Contact Provider Development with any questions

11. Deadline to Complete the Required DODD 2021 DSP Compensation Survey Approaching Soon

- Agency providers who provided homemaker/personal care services in the calendar year 2021 for people with developmental disabilities on IO, LV1, or SELF waivers were sent an email invitation to complete the DODD 2021 DSP Compensation Survey beginning in early April 2022
- The email invitation with a link to the required survey was sent from the email address verity-noreply@hsri.org. The agencies who have received the survey but have not completed it yet have until July 1, 2022, to submit their survey. Your response is valuable as it will help us understand the status of the DSP workforce in the state of Ohio. Please direct any questions related to the survey to Arati Sharma (email: arati.sharma@dodd.ohio.gov)

12. Safety Resources

- In light of recent events in Texas and other parts of the country regarding mass shootings
- We encourage you to review your plans regarding a potential active shooter
- We are waiting for a list of resources from OPRA- in the meantime you can access the FBI website for active shooter resources

13. CERTIFICATION RENEWAL DATES

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14. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

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 - Longevity Add on- Training- 7/7 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on-Training 7/21 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Benefits Training- 6/27 12:00pm-1:00pm
- In Person
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 7/5 8:30am-4:00pm
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 7/12 9:00am-1:00pm **MUST RSVP**
 - Monthly Provider Meeting- 7/19 10:00AM

July

1. EVV Training Session

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) and The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) are offering a training session on Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Wednesday, 07/20/22 (10 am – 12pm).
- The July webinar is titled, “EVV Best Practices for DODD Providers.” The target audience for this webinar is DODD providers that provide waiver services to individuals on the Individual Options, Level One, and S.E.L.F. waivers. The webinar will provide the audience with helpful information focused on using the Sandata EVV solution and offer best practices and tips for EVV documentation. If you are unable to attend the live session and want to listen to the recording, you can click on the registration link after the event has ended.

2. Participate in a Year Long FREE Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness Program

- Do you love or support someone with a developmental disability and live in Ohio? An online series of Trauma-Sensitive Mindfulness programming has been developed just for you!
- Various programs will ground participants in what trauma is and how it shows up, as well as how we can use mindfulness practices to destress and regulate our nervous systems. The programming is designed to be fun, interactive, build community, and fit in with your busy schedules. While all our programming is online, the facilitator’s training offers an opportunity to take this work into your local community with our support.
- All programming is FREE thanks to funding from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Programs are designed and led by Soul Bird Consulting and Lilac & Indigo.
- Summer Courses 11:30am-1pm
 - July 21st, July 28th, August 4th, August 11th, and August 18th
- Fall Courses 6:30pm-8pm
 - October 18th, October 25th, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, and November 29th
- If you miss a session, an online recording will be posted

3. GED/Age Waiver Updates

- DODD has announced that they will be extending the waiver that allows providers to hire those that are still in school or those who do not have a HS diploma or GED. The waiver that was set to expire in September 2022 will be extended **another year** and DODD will be surveying the field as to the usage and effectiveness as they weigh making the waiver permanent.
- 16 and 17-year old teens can be DSPs!!
- Listen to a couple of teens share why they love working as direct support professionals! [Austin Barton](#) works for a day program and [Sarah Lupinetti](#) works 1:1 with her brother. Both provide excellent reasons to encourage other teens to apply for this role!

4. Behavior Support Strategies Website Reorganization NOW LIVE

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is excited to announce the revamped [Behavioral Support](#) section of the DODD website
- This new website has been reorganized to house all behavioral support content in one area, in addition to being updated to reflect the revised rule [OAC 5123-2-06](#) (Development and Implementation of Behavioral Support Strategies.) which goes into effect October 1, 2022.
- The website will include any Information and Resources related to the roll-out of the revised rule, including any upcoming or recorded training

5. Provider Retention Program has been Approved!

- Last week DODD shared that CMS approved the Appendix K application allowing for the 6.5% retention payment program that had been in discussion over the past few months.
- This is a County Board funded initiative and all 88 Counties will be participating.
- While the program has been approved, the start date has yet to be set. DODD has filed a rule you can find [HERE](#) that will allow the program to go into effect.
- Once the program rolls out, DODD had indicated they will provide training, FAQs, and other resources for providers.
- As a short overview, the draft rule indicates the following:
 - The retention payment is meant for the following services: Adult day support; Career planning; Group employment support; Homemaker/personal care; Homemaker/personal care daily billing unit; Individual employment support; Non-medical transportation; Participant-directed homemaker/personal care; Shared living;
 - Transportation; and Vocational habilitation.
 - An independent provider in good standing that has been reimbursed for provision of one or more of the home and community-based services listed during the applicable quarter is eligible and will receive a retention payment for that quarter. The independent provider need not take any action to participate in the retention
 - payment program; the department will issue retention payments to eligible independent providers in accordance with paragraph (F)(1) of this rule
 - An agency provider or residential facility in good standing that has been reimbursed for provision of one or more of the home and community-based services listed during the applicable quarter is eligible to receive a retention payment for that quarter when the agency provider or residential facility:
- Opts to participate in the retention payment program by affirming, via the department's web-based portal for the retention payment program, on or before the fifteenth day of the first month of the quarter for which it will begin to participate, its intent to participate and assurance that it will comply with this rule;
- Disburses to each of its eligible direct support professionals, on or before the fifteenth day of the third month of the quarter, a portion of the retention payment issued by the department, as calculated by one of the methods described in paragraph (F)(3) of this rule; and
- Submits, via the department's web-based portal for the retention payment program, on or before the fifteenth day following the quarter:
 - Information requested by the department regarding the retention payment program including, but not limited to:
- Disbursement of the retention payment to its direct support professionals; and
- Any portion of a retention payment used to cover costs associated with implementation or administration of the retention payment program and therefore not disbursed directly to its direct support professionals.
 - An attestation that the retention payment was used and disbursed to direct support professionals in accordance with this rule.
- There are further instructions regarding opting in, use of payments, who is eligible to receive retention payments, record keeping and so on in the draft of the rule. As indicated above, once approved, there will be trainings available.

6. Monthly Rate Calculator Provider Email Sent out

- Effective July 1, 2022, email alerts will be sent to any agency provider who is assigned to be the Daily Billing Unit (DBU) provider in the Medicaid Services System (MSS) for a Monthly Rate Calculator (MRC) site when a change is made for Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) or On-Site/On-Call (OSOC) services. The email is intended to alert those MRC providers that a change to the HPC/OSOC services they are delivering has occurred.

- The email will read “A change for HPC/OSOC services has been finalized for the MRC site (MRC site name). Please review the site and contact the county board of DD if these changes were not discussed. Thank you”.
- If you have questions regarding who the email will be sent to, you may contact Jessica McGonigle at Jessica.mcgonigle@dodd.ohio.gov.

7. DODD Monthly Provider Training/OSASS Training:

- July 28, 2022- Medication Administration: Target Audience- All Providers - Independent Providers, Agency Providers, Licensed Waiver Providers, and ICF Providers
- This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the category, Components of Quality Care
- August 25, 2022- Billing and Claims Process and Cycle: Target Audience- All Providers- Independent, Agency and Licensed Waiver Providers.
 - If you have questions, please contact ossas@dodd.ohio.gov
 - For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas

8. Lunch and Learn Trainings with Warren County

- MUI- August 23, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom

9. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Zoom
 - Longevity Add on- Training – 7/21 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training- 8/4 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Information
- In Person
 - Medication Administration 101 & The QA Process 7/21 9am-10:30pm
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 9/6 8:30am-4:00pm
 - We will NOT have training in August!
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 8/9 12 9:00am-1:00pm **MUST RSVP**
 - Monthly Provider Meeting- 8/16 10:00AM

10. AccessiBe - Website input

- Our vision is to make the internet accessible so that everyone, with and without disabilities, can enjoy what it has to offer. An accessible internet is a win-win. [WCBDD](#) has partnered with [AccessiBe](#) to make sure our website is accessible to everyone.
- Give us feedback on how AccessiBe makes the WCBDD website better for you and the individuals served!

August

1. Blitz Creative Opportunity – FREE

- “How to Find (and Keep) Amazing Direct Support Professionals”
- Scott de Fasselle from Blitz Creative is here to tell you about an opportunity to attend a 3-month workshop
- www.blitzcreative.com
- When: September, October, and November 2022
- Where: Via Zoom

- Up to 3 staff per agency
- Contact Melissa Stall to sign up – melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org

2. Service Delivery Documentation Crosswalk Updated

- During the [April Provider Training](#) on ‘Service Delivery Documentation’, OSSAS provided slides and a documentation crosswalk to easily find what providers needed to have on their documentation sheets. OSSAS has reviewed these items and updated them to reflect documentation requirements for Self-Directed Transportation and a new documentation requirement for Home Delivered Meals.
- Here are links to the [Documentation Crosswalk](#) and the [updated slide presentation](#).

3. Upcoming Enhancements to the Alt EVV Technical Specifications Webinar

- Sandata and ODM completed a comprehensive review of the Alt EVV Technical Specifications for the Ohio EVV program to ensure that the Ohio Alt EVV interface and supporting documentation are clear to Alt EVV vendors and providers. The review is in preparation for the Next Generation Managed Care program that will add three new MCOs to the interface later this year. The initial changes that resulted from the review were covered in the Alt EVV Update and Future Changes webinar presented in April 2022.
- Sandata and ODM are hosting a webinar to review the upcoming changes to the Alt EVV technical specifications next month, so you are prepared.
 - Webinar Title: Alternate EVV Technical Enhancements
 - Date/Time: August 30, 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EST
 - The webinar will cover:
 - Background on Alt EVV in Ohio
 - Alt EVV technical integration enhancements
 - Next Generation Managed Care and its impact on Alt EVV
 - Timeline of the technical changes
 - Next steps review and time for questions
- [Register here](#)

4. Substance Use Disorders Training Now Available in DODD MyLearning

- Substance Use and Substance Use Disorders in Individuals with Intellectual Developmental Disorders is now available in [DODD MyLearning](#).
- In this recorded webinar from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Dr. Nita Bhatt, an associate professor at Wright State University and a physician at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare, speaks about substance use and substance use disorders in people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- One hour of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units are available in the areas of adult services

5. Federal Public Health Emergency Officially Renewed

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently renewed the determination that a federal public health emergency (PHE) continues to exist. This was previously scheduled to expire on July 14, 2022. The declaration lasts for the duration of the emergency or 90 days, but may be extended by the Secretary.

- The current PHE is now scheduled to expire on October 12, 2022, unless extended by HHS, which means that the unwinding period will expire April 12, 2023.
 - [View Renewal Notice](#)
 - [CDC-Know your COVID-19 Community Level Map](#)

6. DODD Shares Best Practices When Choosing a Provider for Home Modifications

- DODD certifies providers for environmental accessibility adaptations, a service available under the I/O and Level One waivers. Providers are certified for the service as a whole and may not have expertise in the specific area your project entails. DODD is recommending some best practices when selecting a provider for your home modification needs. These best practices can be found in [this document](#). More information about the environmental accessibility adaptations service can be found [DODD's website](#).

7. Outcome Tracking Information

- Outcome Tracking (OTS) is just around the corner again.
- OTS will be available to those Adult Day and Employment providers, ICFs, DCs, and county boards beginning October 1, 2022.
- OTS Users will enter data for those to whom they provided services in the month of September 2022. Users will have six months to enter data, 10/1/2022 – 3/31/2023.
- If you are new to OTS or you would like additional training, you may take virtual training! No registration is required, just click on [this link](#) for information on the training you would like to join.
- Additionally, DODD developed [resources and tools](#) to assist users throughout the Reporting Period: User Guide, screencasts, recorded webinar, security access guide, and OTS definitions.

8. DODD Monthly Provider Training/OSASS Training:

- August 25, 2022- **Billing and Claims Process and Cycle:** Target Audience- All Providers- Independent, Agency and Licensed Waiver Providers.
- This training DOES NOT meet the requirements for the annual 8-hour trainings
- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- September 29, 2022- **Behavior Supports:** Target Audience- All Providers- Independent, Agency and Licensed Waiver Providers.
- The Behavioral Support rule limits the use of, and sets forth requirements for, development and implementation of behavioral support strategies.
- This training DOES meet the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the categories,
- Components of Quality Care and Health and Welfare.
- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- If you have questions, please contact ossas@dodd.ohio.gov
- For compliance resources, please visit www.dodd.ohio.gov/ossas

9. August is ABLE to Save Month- Stable Account Information

- Greater Independence, Empowerment through STABLE Accounts Since its launch in 2016, the STABLE Account program has become a trusted tool for people with developmental disabilities to obtain greater financial security and independence.
- Administered by the Office of Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague, STABLE accounts are 529-like specialized savings and investment accounts that allow people with disabilities to save and invest

without losing eligibility for certain means-tested benefits, such as Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

- Earnings on STABLE accounts grow tax-free, as long as funds are spent on qualified expenses, such as education, transportation, healthcare, assistive technology, personal support services, and many others. Signing up for a STABLE account is easy – it only takes about 20 minutes and can be done from the safety and comfort of home. For more information about STABLE accounts and to sign up, visit www.stableaccount.com

10. DSP WEEK IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER!!! DSPS ROCK!!!!

- DSP Week- September 12th-16th, 2022
- Annual Recognition Dinner- September 15th, 6:00-8:00pm at WCYC- indoor event 😊
- DON'T FORGET TO RSVP to Lindsay Graves
- DONUT DROP IN and PICK UP- date TBD- watch Constant Contact for dates

11. Lunch and Learn Trainings with Warren County

- MUI- August 23, 2022 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom

12. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Zoom:
 - BLITZ Training Day 1 09/20 – 9am -12:30pm
 - BLITZ Training Day 2 09/21 - 10:30am-12:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training – 8/18 - 9:00am-3:00pm
 - Longevity Add on- Training- 9/1 - 9:00am-3:00pm
 - [Longevity Information](#)
- In Person:
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 9/6 - 8:30am-4:00pm
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 9/13 - 9:00am-1:00pm **MUST RSVP**
 - Monthly Provider Meeting- 9/27 - 10:00AM
 - NOTE Different Date due to BLITZ Training
 - September, October, and November Meeting will be moved to the following week

September

1. New PSA to help recruit DSPs

- Governor DeWine's Administration recently launched a PSA campaign for recruiting direct care workers, including DSPs. The ad encourages job seekers to go to the [Ohio Means Jobs website](#) to browse openings. We ask anyone hiring DSPs to post openings on the Ohio Means Jobs website and include "DSP" in the job title.

2. DODD Extends Options to Recruit Qualified Employees to Provide Direct Supports

- Last year, in response to the workforce crisis, DODD took two actions to support agency and licensed residential facilities providers (licensed waiver and intermediate care facilities) increase the number of people eligible to be hired in direct support roles across the state. These actions are increasing our direct support workforce while we continue to work on the long-term sustainability of the workforce.

- DODD is extending those flexibilities through 9/30/2023 to continue to support provider workforce needs and DODD will continue to temporarily waive the requirement that DSPs must have a high school diploma or GED. Employees without a high school diploma or GED cannot be certified to administer medications
- [Click here](#) for additional guidance on these waivers
- Please contact DODD at OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov with questions.

3. Technology First and the DSP Workforce Crisis Report Released

- As a part of DODD's DSP Workforce Crisis Taskforce work, a report has been generated defining how supportive technology is an asset in responding to Ohio's workforce crisis. The report sets three performance goals with the target of seeing an increase in the utilization of supportive technology
- [VIEW REPORT HERE](#)

4. Register for MI/IDD training Series

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMAS) and DODD are hosting a series of live webinars on best practices in supporting people who have both a mental illness and an intellectual/developmental disability (MI/IDD). DODD CPD and CEU units from nursing, psychology, counselor, and social work are available.
 - [Psychotic Disorders and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities](#)
 - Tuesday, September 27, 12 PM – 1 PM
 - [Personality Disorders and Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities](#)
 - Tuesday, October 4, 12 PM – 1 PM
 - [Best Practices for Working with Individuals with Co-occurring Mental Illness and IDD](#)
 - Tuesday, October 11, 12 PM – 1 PM
 - [Psychotropic Medications in IDD, Part Two](#)
 - Tuesday November 1, 12 PM - 1 PM

5. OhioITMS to Launch August 31, 2022

- DODD is pleased to announce that the new application, Ohio Incident Tracking and Monitoring, or OhioITMS, to replace the Incident Tracking System (ITS) will launch on August 31, 2022.
- Incident reporting will remain as is, with providers reporting to county boards as they do now.
- OhioITMS will be available on August 31, 2022, at which point the old system will not be available. Major Unusual Incidents entered on or after this date will be created in the new system.
- All existing MUI information will be migrated to OhioITMS.
- Our stakeholders, who currently have system administrative responsibilities for DODD applications, will receive notification prior to the launch. This communication will explain how to set up users in OhioITMS.
- MUI reports will be available in OhioITMS and no longer available in the data warehouse.
- We understand that this will be a learning process for all of us. We look forward to working together to make this transition as smooth as possible.
- OhioITMS Resources including guides and videos are available on our website.

6. Health and Welfare Alert- Shunt Care

7. New HUD Fair Market Rent Released

- Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes new Fair Market Rents (FMRs). HUD's objective is to keep pace with changing rents. The 2023 FMRs represent almost a 10 percent increase for most Ohio markets. Larger communities, such as Cincinnati, Cleveland, and Columbus, where rents have climbed most significantly, saw even greater increases to the FMR. The hike in FMRs helps individuals utilizing HUD programs by making the rent more affordable. They also assist Housing Choice Voucher (f/k/a Section 8 voucher) holders by making their vouchers more attractive to local landlords. The new FMRs will go into effect on October 1. Click [here](#) to view the FY23 FMRs.

8. Community Integrated Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation FAQs

- On July 13, 2022, DODD facilitated a webinar concerning Community Integrated Adult Day Support and Vocational Habilitation. During the webinar, attendees asked a variety of questions. These questions have been answered in an FAQ document.
- [VIEW FAQ and Webinar Recording Here](#)

9. September is Fall Prevention Month

- September is [Falls Prevention Awareness](#) Month in Ohio.

10. Suicide Prevention Month

- Mental Wellness should be important year-round, but the month of September is recognized as a time to raise awareness for mental health and suicide prevention. The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services has many resources available for suicide prevention on their [website](#) and social media.

11. OSASS LIVE CHATS in October

- DODD Office of System Support and Standards will host Live Chats to answer questions about the Provider Compliance Review Tools and the County Board Accreditation Review Tool. All tools will be effective on November 1, 2022. When you register, submit any questions you have about the review tools and compliance or accreditation reviews. There will be a separate Live Chat for the various types of providers, agency, independent, ICF/IID, and county boards. The review tools can be located on the Reviewer Resources webpage. Contact OSSAS: at www.dodd.ohio.gov/OSSAS or ossas@dodd.ohio.gov.
 - Tue, Oct 4, 2022 8:30 AM - 9:20 AM EDT
 - Tuesday, October 11, 2022 8:30AM-9:20AM
- OSSAS will answer questions about the new Compliance Review Tools that will be effective November 1, 2022. There will be a separate Live Chat for the various types of providers, agency, independent, ICF/IID, and county boards.
 - Agency- 8:30AM
 - Independent Providers- 9:30AM

12. OSASS BEHAVIOR SUPPORT TRAINING- NEW RULE 10.1.2022

- Thu, Sep 29, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EDT
- The Behavioral Support rule limits the use of, and sets forth requirements for, development and implementation of behavioral support strategies that include restrictive measures for the purpose of ensuring that:

- Restrictive measures used only when necessary to keep people safe;
- Individuals with developmental disabilities are supported in a caring and responsive manner
- Services and supports are based on an understanding of the individual and the reasons for his or her actions; and
- Effort is directed at creating opportunities for individuals to exercise choice. This training meets the requirements for annual DSP and DOO training under the categories, Components of Quality Care and Health and Welfare.
- [REGISTER HERE](#) for Behavioral Supports Training on September 29, 2022, 10 – 11 AM

13. New Resource Added to Trauma-Informed Care Webpage: Growing Resilience

- The Resilience Project has added a new resource on its webpage that is helpful for anyone supporting a person with trauma exposure. The webpage addresses a variety of traumatic exposure types, and explains the impact on the brain, body, behavioral responses, and provides suggestions for how to support the person. Find this resource linked on the DODD Trauma Informed Care webpage, in the section titled “External Resources.”
- [VIEW RESOURCE HERE](#)

14. Upcoming Trainings/Meetings

- Zoom
 - BLITZ Training Day 3 10/18 – 9am -12:30pm
 - BLITZ Training Day 4 10/19 - 10:30am-12:00pm
 - Longevity Add- on Training - 9/29 - 9am-3pm
 - Longevity Add-on Training- 10/13 - 9am-3pm
 - Longevity Add-on training - 10/20 - 9am-3pm
 - [Longevity Information](#)
- In Person:
 - Annual Provider Certification Training – 10/4 - 8:30am-4:00pm
 - CPR/First Aid Training – 10/11- 9:00am-1:00pm **MUST RSVP**
 - Monthly Provider Meeting- 10/25 - 10:00AM
 - NOTE Different Date due to BLITZ Training
 - September, October, and November Meeting will be moved to the following week

October

1. Station MD Presentation

- StationMD is a physician service that is dedicated to individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD) and other vulnerable populations
- <https://stationmd.com>
- <https://dodd.ohio.gov/communication/news/news-dodd-stationmd-pilot-off-to-strong-start>

2. Opportunity for Residential Providers to Build Supportive Tech Capacity

- DODD is seeking applications from residential providers (intermediate care facilities for people with developmental disabilities or an agency provider in Ohio that is certified by DODD, pursuant to [OAC 5123:2-2-08](#)) in Ohio to work with a subject matter expert in building

technology capacity and increasing the use of supportive technology within service delivery and service operations for people with developmental disabilities.

- Applications must be submitted by 12 PM on November 30, 2022. You can register for an informative webinar and Q+A on October 28, 2022 at 10 AM [here](#). Please direct any questions to technologyfirst@dodd.ohio.gov.
- View Application [HERE](#)

3. Behavioral Support Updates

- Regional Behavior Support Workshops are learning communities led by local facilitators from county boards of developmental disabilities, intermediate care facilities and waiver providers who serve people with complex behavioral needs.
 - [Statewide Behavior Support Workshop - 11/8/22 10:30 AM-12:30 PM](#) or call in (audio only) 614-721- 2972 *ID: 861 821 113#
 - The dates and times for upcoming workshops will be posted on the [Learning and Resources](#) page on the DODD [Behavioral Support](#) website.
- Not sure if a medication a person is taking is a chemical restraint or not? Use [THIS](#) flow chart and guidance document to assist you in determining if the medication is a chemical restraint.
- Dr. Laura Sorg, DODD, will discuss medical restraints and their connection to the Behavioral Support Strategies Rule (OAC 5123-2-06) as well as alternatives to the use of restraints November 9, 2022 from 1 PM - 2 PM - Register [HERE](#)
- Email questions to: behavior.support@dodd.ohio.gov

4. OSSAS Provider Training Series

- The next training will be held October 27, 2022 from 10:00am-11:00am and will review Unusual Incidents and Major Unusual Incidents - [Register Here](#)
- This training can be used for one hour of required annual training - for Director of Operations and direct support professionals under the categories of Components of Quality Care, Health and Welfare.
- What if I miss this session? The registration links for the recordings are located on the website: [OSSAS Provider Training Series](#). You may document your viewing of the recording using the [Training Documentation Template](#).
- Contact Us: [OSSAS Compliance Page](#) or ossas@dodd.ohio.gov

5. Participate in Charting the LifeCourse Series for Families

- Charting the LifeCourse is a framework created to help individuals and families of all abilities and all ages develop a vision for a good life, think about what they need to know and do, identify how to find or develop supports, and discover what it takes to live the lives they want to live. Learn about the principles and tools, and how you can use them to best support yourself, or someone you love.
- This 3-part series will be on Thursday afternoons from 4 PM – 5:30 PM
- October 27, November 3, and November 10.
- To learn more, click [here](#), and to register, click [here](#).

6. Register for MI/IDD training Series

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMAS) and DODD are hosting a series of live webinars on best practices in supporting people who have both a mental illness and an intellectual/developmental disability (MI/IDD). DODD CPD and CEU units from nursing, psychology, counselor, and social work are available.

- [Psychotropic Medications in IDD, Part Two](#)
- Tuesday, November 1, 12 PM - 1 PM
- [Psychotherapy and Individuals with IDD](#)
- Tuesday, November 8, 12 PM – 1 PM
- [Introduction to Mental Health Assessment](#)
- Tuesday, November 15, 12 PM – 1 PM
- [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)
- Tuesday, November 29, 12 PM – 1 PM
- [Sexual Assault and Intellectual Disability](#)
- Tuesday, December 6, 12 PM – 1 PM
- [Anxiety Disorders in People with IDD](#)
- Tuesday, December 13, 12 PM – 1 PM

7. In-Depth EVV Training Sessions

- Beginning in October, Sandata is offering virtual EVV deep-dive sessions. The EVV deep-dive sessions are available to providers who have their EVV training certificate. Each session will be offered on a monthly basis and includes more in-depth Sandata instructor-led training tackling the following topics:
 - System Set Up
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 - Visit Maintenance
 - Claims Matching and Reporting
- Register for as many virtual sessions as you like by visiting:
<https://go.oncehub.com/ODMEVVHelp> The content for each Topic session is the same.

8. Employment-Related Courses on MyLearning

- October for Disability Employment Awareness Month! Below are some courses in MyLearning that are available:
 - [Orientation to Supported Employment](#)
 - [Getting to Work: Transportation and Coordination of Supports](#)
 - [Informed Choice and Community Employment](#)
 - [Integrated Employment Services](#)
- A regional group is trying to coordinate some employment trainings for providers in 2023. They are working to gauge interest from providers in each county regarding what they are looking for in trainings? Would you be interested in trainings regarding job coach training and/or job development? What about self-employment training? Let us know your thoughts?

9. Provider Network Management Go Live Information

- On October 1, 2022, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) launched the Provider Network Management (PNM) module, which is the new single point of entry to DODD's Provider Services Management (PSM) system.
- All DODD providers will utilize the new PNM module for all activities related to their certification for DODD waiver and non-waiver services. This includes applications for initial certification, renewal certification, address changes, etc.
- Questions related to the PNM module, OH|ID, and portal password support should be directed to the ODM Integrated Help Desk at (800) 686-1516 or to visit the [PNM and Centralized Credentialing webpage](#) on ODM's website.

- Questions related specifically to certification activities within PSM should continue to be directed to the DODD Support Center at 1-800-617-6733.
- Desk reference guide for accessing and utilizing the application can be found [HERE](#)

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 - Longevity Add- on Training – 11/10 - 9am-3pm
 - Longevity Add-on Training- 11/17- 9am-3pm
 - [Longevity Information](#)
- **IN PERSON TRAININGS**
 - Documentation Done Right 10/25/2022 12:00-2:00
 - Trauma Informed Care Session 2- Behavior Support Updates 10/26/2022, 1:00-3:00
 - CPR- First Aid 11/8/2022, 9:00-1:00 MUST RSVP
 - Monthly Provider Meeting 11/22/2022 10:00-11:00
- We are creating the calendar for 2023 and noticed many trainings on Tuesdays. Are Tuesdays good for you? Are there better days of the week?

November

1. Rescheduled DODD Medical Restraints: The DODD Medical Restraints Webinar was rescheduled for December 27 from 1 - 2 PM

- Dr. Laura Sorg, DODD, will discuss medical restraints and their connection to the Behavioral Support Strategies Rule (OAC 5123-2-06). Dr. Sorg will also discuss alternatives to the use of restraints.
- Increase knowledge of best practices to support people with DD during medical procedures
- Increase understanding of the how the standard of care for diagnoses intersects with new definition of chemical restraint.
- [REGISTER HERE](#)

2. Billing Cycle Updates for November and December 2022

- Wednesday, November 16: The billing deadline will be noon on Wednesday. We will not be able to process any claims received after the 12 PM cut-off. Payment will be unaffected.
- Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 24. The billing deadline for Nov22E will be Wednesday, November 23 at 12 PM. Payment for billing cycle Nov22C will be scheduled for Friday, November 25 due to banks being closed on Thursday
- Christmas: Payment for Dec22C will be scheduled for Friday, December 30

- New Year's Day: Payment for Dec22D will be scheduled for Friday, January 6

3. Federal Public Health Emergency Officially Renewed

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) has recently renewed the determination that a federal public health emergency (PHE) continues to exist. This was previously scheduled to expire on October 12, 2022. The declaration lasts for the duration of the emergency or 90 days, but may be extended by the Secretary.
- When Appendix K was approved, it included an additional six months beyond the end of the federal public health emergency to allow for unwinding of the temporary flexibilities and the return to permanent/ongoing services. Appropriate services should be determined through the person-centered team planning process to determine which service(s) best meets the needs of the individual and to have the service(s) set up and in place before the end of the six-month unwinding period.
- The current PHE is now scheduled to expire on January 11, 2023, unless extended by HHS, which means that the unwinding period will expire July.

4. PNM TRAINING on DODD WEBSITE

- The PNM trainings for providers are now posted to the DODD website. They can be found by navigating to the 'Supporting Providers' page on DODD website and the button is there to take them to the information and trainings.
- <https://dodd.ohio.gov/providers>

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6. Regional Meetings for DSP'S

- Your DSP Experience starts the moment you're drawn into the I/DD field, and it continues through orientation with your position and workplace; as you get to know your colleagues and supported individuals; while you discover opportunities for engagement, learning, and growth; and during every milestone of your direct support career.
- By sharing your DSP Experience, your workplace and leadership will learn about DSPs' common needs, hopes, fears, and ideas straight from the source, and help with implementing mechanisms of change and improvement more effectively. Ultimately, your DSP experience is enriched and enhanced. And the positive impact of these actions and responses on people with I/DD can't be overstated.
- Throughout December, DODD is sponsoring six (6) regional meetings to help capture the DSP Experience of you and your colleagues.
- Each meeting is within a different region of Ohio and offers two (2) different sessions. Session A is 10 AM to 12 PM. Session B is 1 PM to 3 PM. Sign up for one (1) session only.
- **SOUTHWEST: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7** - Butler County Educational Service Center, 400 N Erie Blvd Hamilton, Ohio 45011

7. New Rules/Rule Revisions in effect as of 11/14/2022

- Can be found at <https://dodd.ohio.gov/forms-and-rules/rules-in-effect/administrative-rules-list>
 - 5123-2-07 - Personal funds of the individual
 - 5123-3-01 - Licensed residential facilities - administration and operation (with Appendix A, Appendix B, Appendix C, and Appendix D)
 - 5123-3-02 - Licensed residential facilities - physical environment standards, fire safety, and emergency response planning
 - 5123-3-04 - Licensed residential facilities - admission of residents, provision of services, and maintenance of service records
 - 5123-3-05 - Licensed residential facilities - transfer and termination of services
 - 5123-3-06 - Licensed residential facilities - compliance reviews, issuance of licenses, and adverse actions
 - 5123-3-07 - Licensed residential facilities - immediate removal of residents
 - 5123-3-08 Licensed residential facilities - development and renovation
 - 5123-3-09 - Licensed residential facilities - standards for evaluating potential receivers
 - 5123-3-11 - Licensed residential facilities - room and board
 - 5123-9-02 - Home and community-based services waivers - ensuring the suitability of services and service settings

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 - [Longevity Information](#)
 - [Common Findings Medication Admin and QA Reviews with Darlene Snapp 11/29 12-1](#)

- IN PERSON TRAININGS
 - Annual Provider Training 12/6, 8:30-4
 - CPR- First Aid 12/13 Cancelled
 - Get Right the First Time- Agency Only, 12/8, 1-3
 - Documentation Done Right 12/15, 1-3
 - Monthly Provider Meeting 12/20/2022 10:00-11:00

December

1. Provider Retention Payment Updates

- The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is launching the county board-funded Direct Support Professional (DSP) retention payment initiative for independent providers and DSPs of agency waiver providers.
- Because the initiative is retroactive to July, initial payments will cover three quarters of payments. This will allow DODD to expedite payments allowing funds to get out sooner and will put the initiative on schedule with rule requirements by April. DODD will stagger the three initial payments to providers, which will assist providers in tracking how funds are passed along to DSPs. The table below shows how the first payments will be issued:

Service provision	Provider Opt-In Start	Provider Opt-In End	Retention Payment to Provider	Retention Payment to DSP	Data Collection From Provider
April-June 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/18/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
July- September 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	1/25/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
October-December 2022	1/3/23	1/16/23	2/1/23	3/15/23	4/15/23
January-March 2023	4/3/23	4/18/23	5/3/23	6/15/23	7/15/23
April-June 2023	7/3/23	7/16/23	8/2/23	9/15/23	10/15/23

*All dates are estimated as of the time of this writing

*Payment dates (provider and DSP) are not the exact date payments will be processed

*Retention payments to the DSP must be issued by date listed

- Starting Tuesday, January 3, waiver agency providers can enroll online at <https://dodd.ohio.gov/providers/RetentionPayment>. Registration will remain open for initial payments until January 16. Provider agencies and independent providers will receive the first payments in mid-January. Eligible DSPs employed by agency providers will receive payment from their employers by mid-March. Agency DSPs should talk with their employer to determine when they will receive their retention payments.

2. Changes Coming to DSP Courses in DODD MyLearning January 1

- At 9 AM on January 1, 2023, the following changes will be live in DODD MyLearning:
- The MyLearning homepage will have four options (rather than six) for Courses for Direct Support Professionals. Separate categories for DSPs at licensed facilities are no longer needed because the DSP training requirements in the licensed residential facilities rule are now in line with the DSP training requirements for waiver settings. Here is a mock-up of what the homepage will look like on January 1.
- Annual training for DSPs and independent providers will now contain a total of eight hours, so learners can complete all annual training using MyLearning if they wish.
- For questions about the training, contact training.team@dodd.ohio.gov. For questions about training compliance, contact OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov.

3. Complete DODD MyLearning Annual Training by December 30

- DSPs, independent providers, and DOOs using DODD MyLearning online courses to meet their annual training requirements must complete 2022 annual training by noon on Friday, December 30. These courses will be archived and will no longer be accessible the afternoon of December 30. A record of completion will always appear on learner transcripts, available by clicking “Transcripts and Completions” at the top menu bar of MyLearning. Annual training for 2023 will be available on MyLearning at 9 AM on January 1.
- To access annual training, visit DODD MyLearning homepage and click the training that matches your role.
- Note: Users who are logging in for the first time this year will be asked to update their profile information before they can view or access courses.
- More information on annual training requirements:
- Provider certification rules OAC 5123-2-08 and 5123-2-09
- Annual Training in Non-Licensed Settings

4. Updated DSP Curriculum Now Available- AGENCY ONLY!

- Direct Support Professional (DSP) training curriculum updates are now available for download on DODD MyLearning. If you have previously downloaded the DSP Curriculum, the changes for 2023 are documented in release notes on the curriculum page. With the new licensure rule changes, the DSP Curriculum can now be used for DSPs at licensed residential facilities as well as waiver provider agencies.
- For questions about the DSP curriculum, contact training.team@dodd.ohio.gov. For questions about training compliance, contact OSSAS@dodd.ohio.gov.

5. Register for MI/IDD Training Series (New Topics Available)

- The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OHMAS) and Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) are hosting a series of live webinars on best practices in supporting people who have both a mental illness and an intellectual/developmental disability (MI/IDD). DODD CPD and CEU units from nursing, psychology, counselor, and social work are available.
 - [Aggression in IDD for Clinicians](#)
 - Tuesday, January 10, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 - [Trauma and People with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
 - Tuesday, January 17, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
 - [Birth to Death: Providing Nursing for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities](#)
 - Tuesday, January 31, 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

6. CBD and Medical Marijuana Guidance

- The purpose of the below document is to provide guidance on: (1) whether hemp-based products, including hemp-based Cannabidiol (CBD) can be used in the medication administration program; and (2) whether persons with a medication administration certification issued by the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) can administer medical marijuana under Ohio’s Medical Marijuana Control Program.
- [VIEW DOCUMENT HERE](#)

7. Reminder of Last Billing Cycle Before Christmas

- The last payment date before the Christmas holiday will be December 22, 2022 for billing cycle Dec22B.

- Claims must be received before the noon deadline on December 7 to be processed in the Dec22B cycle.

8. Updated Behavioral Support Strategies FAQ

- Do you have a question about behavior supports? DODD updated the Behavioral Support Strategies FAQ with the most common questions and responses.
- If you have additional questions? Reach out to behavior.support@dodd.ohio.gov.
- [VIEW FAQ HERE](#)

9. Behavior Support Workshops

- No registration is necessary, just click the link to join.
- [Southern Region Behavior Support Workshop](#) - January 17, 2022 from 1 PM - 3 PM or call in at 614-721-2972 with ID# 174 863 39#
- [Statewide Behavior Support Workshop](#) - February 14, 2022 from 10 AM - 12 PM or call in at 614-721-2972 with ID# 279 921 037#
- There will be a training that was presented at the OACB 2022 conference, "Myths & Misconceptions of the Rule, Blunt Suppression, Assessments, HRC Best Practices." This will be recorded and posted on the [Behavioral Support webpage](#).
- The dates and times for upcoming workshops will be posted under the [Behavior Support Workshops section](#) on the [Behavioral Support webpage](#).
- Have questions? Reach out to behavior.support@dodd.ohio.gov.

10. Psychotic Disorders Training Now Available in DODD MyLearning

- Psychotic Disorders in People with Developmental Disabilities training is now available in DODD MyLearning. In this recorded webinar, Dr. Allison Cowan describes the diagnostic criteria for psychotic disorders including schizoaffective disorder and schizophrenia in people with intellectual and developmental disorders.
- One-unit hour of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) is available in the areas of Adult Services, County Board Member, Investigative Agent, Service and Support Administration, and Superintendent.
- [VIEW TRAINING HERE](#)

11. EVV UPDATES

- The Ohio Department of Medicaid DOES NOT have a timeline for turning on claims denials for missing claims or claims with insufficient Electronic Verification (EVV) units. ODM has said they are confident it will not happen in the next few months and will make sure to communicate the date this function will turn on for all interested parties. However, there still is a rule that requires you to use EVV if you are providing any of the required services.
- If you have any questions about EVV- please reach out to Angie or Lindsay.
- EVV is being used to prove/disprove allegations of fraud and it is being used in Medicaid audits.

12. Medication Administration Classes Coming in 2023!

- Cert 1 INITIAL: 1/10/23-1/12/23 Hybrid Course
- 1/10: 9:00-3:00 - Zoom
- 1/11: 9:00-3:00 - Zoom
- 1/12: 10:30-12:30 - IN PERSON skills check

- Cert 1 RENEWAL: 1/17 10:30-12:30 Zoom Only
- Cert 1 RENWEAL: 2/7 10:30-12:30 Zoom Only
- Cert 2 RENEWAL: 1/18 10:30-11:30 Zoom Only
- Cert 2 RENEWAL: 2/14 10:30-11:30 Zoom Only
- Cert 3 RENEWAL 1/19 10:30-11:30 Zoom Only
- Cert 3 RENWAL 2/16, 10:30-11:30 Zoom Only
 - You must have camera access for Zoom course (tablet or computer)
 - Please RSVP to Lindsay Graves prior to attending the course
 - limited slots available
 - course provided by RCC
 - Email address and phone number needed when registering for communication*

13. WCBDD Holiday Closures

- Reminder that Warren County Board of DD offices close the afternoon of December 23rd and re-open the morning of January 3rd. All staff, with the exception of staff who are off for sick or vacation time, will be checking their email at least 3 times during this closure. If there is an emergent email, they will respond. If there is an emergency that needs to be attended to right away, there is a 24 hour on-call phone that will continued to be monitored and that can be reached at 1-800-800-6847. UIs/MUIs are still expected to be called or emailed in during this time. The MUI email is MUI@warrencountydd.org
- We were made aware this week that there is a glitch with Microsoft that is not sending out the out of office responses from all of the emails. Some people may take a few days off prior to the offices closing. If you email someone and do not get a response, they may already be out of the office. If it is an emergency, contact their supervisor or the on-call phone. Otherwise, they will get back to you in January.

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 - CPR- First Aid 2/14/23, 9:00-1:00 MUST RSVP
 - Monthly Provider Meeting 1/17/23 10:00-11:00
 - Nurse Support Group 2/16/23 1:00-3:00